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Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 412X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment in Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear Secretary Williams:

In reply to the July 19, 2004 "City of Ponca City" letter to the Surface Transportation Board, regarding the above-referenced docket, BNSF does not object to the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use.

Sincerely,

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cc: James Gallegos

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